

**POLICY AND FUNDING
STRATEGIES TO MEET
WATER RELATED SDG.
A PERSPECTIVE OF THE
BUDGET OFFICE OF THE
FEDERATION.**

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INTRODUCTION

- The importance of access to safe drinking water cannot be over-emphasised. It is in a bid to revitalize the deplorable situation of the Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Sector in Nigeria towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target for Water and Sanitation by 2030, that the Federal Government declared a state of emergency in the sector in 16th April, 2018.

- Access to safe drinking water remains a challenge to majority of Nigerians, especially those living in the rural areas.
- The recent Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS), conducted by the Government of Nigeria in 2016/17, indicates that about 40 per cent of households and about 69 million people, do not have access to clean water sources. In the rural areas, 19 million people walk long distances to collect unsafe water from lakes, streams and rivers.

- Children without access to safe water are more likely to die in infancy and throughout childhood from waterborne diseases.
 - Diarrhoea remains the leading cause of death among children under five years of age in Nigeria.
 - Many children in rural areas spend hours daily collecting water, missing out on the opportunity to go to school.
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- In order to ensure that the Federal Government of Nigeria meet SDG goal of ensuring universal access to safe and affordable drinking water for all by 2030, Government has developed funding strategies to ensure that funds are provided through the following means:

- **INCREASE IN CAPITAL ALLOCATION:** The Government has ensured that the budgetary allocation for the water sector has been on the steady increase in the last three years. In specific terms:

2015 N15, 778,000,000

2016 N46, 081,121,423

2017 N104, 245,803,117

- In order to ensure that Nigeria achieves the SDG Goals, the Budget of the SDG is captured as a first line charge under the Service Wide Vote.

- The Legislature through its Zonal Intervention Project usually appropriate funds for Boreholes in their Constituencies

- **DONOR FUNDED PROJECTS:** Various donors have participated in different water projects in the country; however, there has not been synergy between the Ministry of Water Resources and the Ministry of Budget and National Planning to ensure that all donor projects are incorporated into the National Budget. Some of the donor agencies include: UNICEF, DFID, JICA, World Bank, European Union and a host of others.

CHALLENGES

- The issue of funds is a major challenge especially with the fall in the price of crude oil in the international market, which is a major source of revenue for the Government.
- The issue of insurgency is another major challenge in Nigerian, in order to tackle this menace, the Federal Government has invested huge amount to this course.
- The Private sector participation is still very low.
- There is also the issue of poor communication between the Executive and the Legislature.

INVESTMENT CASE FOR WATER

- In the past, the Ministry may not have made adequate invest case for WASH. This was the era when government was using incremental budgeting system.
- However in this present dispensation, the government has introduced programme based budgeting and to ensure that all sector of the economy align to the policies of the present administration, through the introduction of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP).
- This has help to trigger private sector participation in water, which it is hope we will soon start yielding results.

- Lack of continuity due to change of regime and reticulation of dams, still remain a critical issue as some dams are completed and not reticulated.
- In order to ensure full utilisation of allocation, Government has incorporated the projects of the Ministry into the ERGP which articulate the policy trust of Government, ensuring that all projects from the ministry must be bankable and meet the ERGP goals of Government.
- There is an on-going effort to establish a more robust M&E Instrument that will be incorporated into the Government Integrated, Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) which the platform through government transacts its business.

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